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AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including figures explaining differences between the claimed invention and the prior art is attached.